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Border Patrol Agents to Receive Life Saving Training

Yuma Sector Agents scheduled to receive Emergency Medical Training

YUMA, Ariz. –The Yuma Border Patrol Sector is scheduled to send personnel to Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training that will be conducted by the Yuma Fire Department. The agency will be training 15 agents from the Yuma, Blythe and Wellton Stations, five agents from the Border Patrol Search Trauma and Rescue (BORSTAR) Team and one Detention Enforcement Officer.

The training will begin April 21 and conclude May 30. The personnel will be required to complete 110 hours of classroom instruction, 16 hours of ambulance training and 10 hours of observation in an emergency room. Upon successful completion, personnel will be nationally and state registered as Emergency Medical Technicians. In addition to being Emergency Medical Technicians, these agents will be able to administer intravenous fluids.

“While our priority is to detect and deter people attempting to illegally enter the United States, we have an obligation to protect lives, particularly those being put in harm’s way by ruthless and unscrupulous smugglers,” said Yuma Chief Patrol Agent Mike Nicley. “This EMT training for our agents will provide them with added resources to save lives.”

With the summer months approaching, this training will be valuable to agents performing their duties along the border. Last fiscal year, Yuma Border Patrol Agents rescued more than 70 people suffering from various forms of distress in the desert. In the Yuma desert, summer temperatures can reach as high as 120 degrees with a ground temperature as high as 135-140 degrees. In this extreme environment, individuals can experience heat related illness within a few hours.

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